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95/xx. United Nations Development Programme: The next programming period

The Executive Board

I. PRINCIPLES FOR THE PROGRAMMING CYCLE 1/

1. Reaffirms the principles of eligibility of all recipient countries on the basis of the fundamental characteristics of the operational activities of the United Nations Development system, which are, inter alia, universality, neutrality, multilateralism, the voluntary and grant nature of assistance and the capacity to respond to the needs of all recipient countries in accordance with their own policies and priorities for development;

2. Recognizes that the current international cooperation for development framework requires flexibility and transparency in the allocation of resources in a context characterized by the decreasing level of external financial resources allocated to official assistance for development and that the United Nations Development Programme continues to give priority to least developed countries and low-income countries and utilizes the resources for the initiatives for change without affecting the development priorities established by countries themselves;

1/ Discussion leads to the adoption of the present decision are based on information made available to the Executive Board in documents DP/1994/20; DP/1994/39; DP/1994/59; DP/1995/3; DP/1995/15; and DP/1995/32.

3. Decides to focus the programme activities of the United Nations Development Programme by implementing the three goals 2/ and four priority areas specified in Board decision 94/14, 3/ recognizing in particular that poverty alleviation should remain at the centre of United Nations Development Programme activities;

4. Emphasizes that national development priorities shall be the primary determinant of United Nations Development Programme-supported programmes, which must remain country driven;

5. Stresses the role of the United Nations Development Programme as a field-oriented operational programme, and in this context, stresses further the need to strengthen the resident coordinator function at the country level in order to maximize the impact of the United Nations system in the development process;

II. MOBILIZATION OF RESOURCES

6. Decides to assume for planning purposes the figure of $3.3 billion for core resources for the three-year period 1997-1999 and requests the Administrator to take all necessary measures to secure those estimated financial resources;

7. Recognizes, while stressing that voluntary contributions to the core resources shall remain the central effort of all donors, the importance of the mobilization of extrabudgetary resources as a supplement to the core resources and recommends that extrabudgetary resources be integrated with core resources in the establishment of resource mobilization targets;

8. Requests the Administrator, taking into account the situation of countries with economies in transition, to present to the Executive Board at its first regular session 1996, specific financial arrangements to incorporate these countries fully into United Nations Development Programme activities, without affecting the present country resource distribution;

2/ Three goals: (decision 94/14) strengthening international cooperation for sustainable human development; helping the United Nations family to become a unified and powerful force for human development; and focusing UNDP resources on making the maximum contribution in its programme countries to key SHD dimensions.

3/ Four areas (94/14) poverty elimination, employment, environmental regulation and advancement of women.

III. PROGRAMMING ARRANGEMENTS

9. Accepts the three-year rolling planning scheme for country-level earmarking as proposed in document DP/1995/32;

10. Recognizes the importance of the link between the country programme and the country strategy note, as a general framework for international cooperation for development, based on the fact that the government has the primary responsibility for coordinating all types of assistance in accordance with national priorities strategies;

11. Decides to reorient, as appropriate, existing country programmes during the mid-term review and other programme appraisal processes;

12. Establishes the following programming arrangements for the period July 1995 through June 1997 to enable the Administrator to implement the initiatives for change and support national endeavours towards the achievement of sustainable human development;

IV. FINANCING MECHANISM

13. Endorses the following earmarkings 4/ for the United Nations Development Programme core resources:

4/ The individual shares of the total resources set out in the table will be applied to total available resources during the period 1997/1999, except for those in lines 2.1, 3.2, 4.1 and 4.2, which are subject to further deliberations in connection with the submission of the biennial budget estimates to the Executive Board at its third regular session 1995 (source: Secretariat).

	Earmarkings during fifth cycle $ (millions)	Earmarkings during fifth cycle %	Proposed percentage earmarkings for next period %
1.0 Programmes/projects			
Country			
1.1 Target for resource assignments from core (TRAC)			
1.1.1 Assigned immediately to countries	526	53.5	[ ]
1.1.2 Assigned regionally for subsequent country application	-	-	[ ]
1.1.3 Resources for development in countries in special situations	13	1.3	*5.0*
	539	54.8	*55.0*
Intercountry			
1.2 Regional	56	5.7	[ ]
1.3 Global, interregional and special activities	25	2.5	[ ]
	81	8.2	*11.8*
Other			
1.4 Evaluation	1	0.1	[ ]
1.5 Special resources for TCDC activities	2	0.2	[ ]
1.6 Resources for implementation	55	5.6	[ ]
	58	5.9	*3.8*
Subtotal	678	68.9	*70.6*
2.0 Programme development and technical services			
2.1 UNDP programme support and development activities (PSDA)	33	3.3	[ ]
2.2 United Nations system support for policy and programme development (SPPD)	16	1.6	[ ]
2.3 Technical support services from United Nations specialized agencies	11	1.1	[ ]
2.4 Other	35	3.5	-
Subtotal	95	9.5	*6.6*
3.0 Support to United Nations system and aid coordination			
3.1 Programme support to the resident coordinator/ aid coordination	-	-	*1.7*
3.2 Support to United Nations operational activities	43	4.4	*4.3*
Subtotal	43	4.4	*6.0*
4.0 Biennial budget			
4.1 UNDP headquarters	70	7.1	*6.8*
4.2 UNDP country offices	100	10.1	*10.0*
Subtotal	170	17.2	*16.8*
TOTAL	986	100.0	*100.0*

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V. DISTRIBUTION OF RESOURCES

14. Approves the methodology for the distribution of resources for country programmes as described in paragraphs 74 and 75 of document DP/1995/32, including the following features, as indicated in section V of document DP/1995/32: gross national product per capita and total population, using existing weights and 1994 data (or latest estimates thereof); elimination of supplementary points; increased graduation thresholds; adjusted floors, and an appropriate 6 per cent bonus for least developed countries, in line with the requirements mentioned in paragraph 15;

15. Approves the following country resource distribution:

Regions	(1) First cycle	(2) Second cycle	(3) Third cycle	(4) Fourth cycle	(5) Fifth cycle	(6) Successor programming arrangements
Africa	29.1	33.2	37.3	39.9	45.8	[44.9]
Asia and the Pacific	25.9	35.2	41.5	40.5	36.6	[36.1]
Arab States	17.1	12.6	9.1	8.7	7.6	[7.8]
Latin America and the Caribbean	21.2	15.1	10.0	9.3	7.8	[6.2]
Europe and the Commonwealth of Independent States	6.7	3.9	2.1	1.6	2.2	[5.0]
Total	100	100	100	100	100	100
Countries with GNP<=750	55	69	81	84	87	[88]
LDCs	33	43	52	55	58	[58]

16. Requests the Administrator to ensure that approximately ___ per cent of programme resources will be allocated to low-income countries and ___ per cent to least developed countries;

17. Urges the Administrator to present the final target for resource assignments from core (TRAC) figure for individual recipient countries to the Executive Board at its first regular session 1996;

VI. EXECUTIVE BOARD REVIEW

18. Requests the Administrator to submit for the information of the Executive Board at its annual session 1996 an interim report on the implementation of the programming arrangements;

19. Decides to carry out a full-scale review of the introductory period July 1995 to June 1997 for the purpose of assessing experience and determining such changes as may be necessary to the successor programming arrangements.

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DRAFT DECISION

Future of the United Nations Development Programme: Initiatives for change

The Executive Board

1. Notes the progress that has been made following its decision 94/14;

2. Welcomes the process of consultation mentioned by the Administrator in his statement on 13 June 1995 in view of further clarifying and refining the role of the United Nations Development Programme in the light of the Initiatives for change, and requests the Administrator to report to the Executive Board;

3. Urges the United Nations Development Programme through the Initiatives for change process, in the framework of the goals and focuses approved by the Board in decision 94/14 and given poverty elimination as the overriding priority in the programmes of UNDP, to concentrate on areas where it has demonstrable comparative advantage, in particular capacity-building;

4. Welcomes the elaboration of a strategic plan as a means of enhancing the management of the United Nations Development Programme and making operational the Initiatives for change and looks forward to presentation to the Executive Board at its first meeting in 1996, in preparation for final decision at the annual meeting in 1996, of a further elaborated concise version including, inter alia, the following elements:

(a) A concise mission statement drawing together all the essential functions of the United Nations Development Programme in the light of the goals and focuses in decision 94/14;

(b) A clear hierarchy of operational objectives designed to translate the mission of the United Nations Development Programme into action;

(c) A comprehensive action plan, incorporating time-bound indicators of achievement and a system for reporting progress regularly to the Executive Board.

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